

**Regular Meeting of the Village of Sundridge Council**

**Wednesday, January 25, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.  
Village of Sundridge Council Chambers**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Lyle Hall, Deputy Mayor Ryan Jeffers, Councillors Don Richardson, Russell Becker (arrived at 6:03 p.m.) and Jason Newman (arrived at 6:55 p.m.)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Karen Fraser, Clerk Administrator

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Resolution #2017-020**

**Moved By: Ryan Jeffers**  
**Seconded By: Don Richardson**

That the agenda for Wednesday, January 25, 2017 be approved as amended, to move Item F.1 into Committee of the Whole and add an In-Camera Item dealing with Labour relations or employee negotiations – Joint Building Committee Wage; and

That the recommendation in Item 9.4 be corrected to reflect 72 hours; and

That Sections 11 and 22 of Procedural By-Law No. 2014-061, be suspended for this meeting as part of the ongoing agenda format pilot project.

**Carried.**

**3) DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

*None.*

**4) PRESENTATIONS**

*None.*

**5) DEPUTATIONS**

None.

**6) CONSENT ITEMS**

*[Items from the Consent List may be moved by members to be debated/discussed in Committee of the Whole]*

**A) APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MINUTES**

(A.1) Regular Council Meeting – January 11, 2017

Resolution #2017-021.01

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting dated January 11, 2017, be adopted as printed.

(A.2) Closed Session Meeting – January 11, 2017

Resolution #2017-021.02

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Closed Session meeting dated January 11, 2017, be adopted as printed.

(A.3) Special Council Meeting – January 18, 2017

Resolution #2017-021.03

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Special Council meeting dated January 18, 2017, be adopted as printed.

**B) COMMITTEE & BOARD MINUTES**

(B.1) AHHC – January 6, 2017 Minutes

Resolution #2017-021.04

Recommendation

That the minutes of the AHHC dated January 6, 2017, be received.

(B.2) Sundridge-Strong Union Public Library Board – January 12, 2017

Resolution #2017-021.05

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Sundridge-Strong Union Public Library Board dated January 12, 2017, be received.

(B.3) Sundridge-Strong Recreation Committee – January 5, 2017

Resolution #2017-021.06

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Sundridge-Strong Recreation Committee dated January 5, 2017, be received.

**C) STAFF REPORTS**

*None.*

**D) BY-LAWS**

*None.*

**E) CORRESPONDENCE**

**Correspondence from Staff**

(E.1) Memo – District of Parry Sound Municipal Association Spring 2017 Meeting

Resolution #2017-021.07

Recommendation

That the correspondence from the Clerk Administrator, dated January 23, 2017 re: District of Parry Sound Municipal Association Spring 2017 Meeting, be received.

(E.2) Follow Up List – January 20, 2017

Resolution #2017-021.08

Recommendation

That the *Staff Follow Up and Report to Council 2016* list, dated January 20, 2017, be received.

**Inter-Governmental Correspondence**

(E.3) JBC & Municipal Year End Reports

Resolution #2017-021.09

Recommendation

That the Report to Sundridge Council, Report to JBC & Municipal Year End Reports for 2016, from the Chief Building Official, be received.

(E.4) Letter to Premier Re: Hydro Pricing – Ernie Hardeman, M.P.P

Resolution #2017-021.10

Recommendation

That the correspondence from Ernie Hardeman, M.P.P., Oxford, dated December 21, 2017, re hydro pricing, be received.

### **Board and Agency Correspondence**

*None.*

### **Other Correspondence**

(E.5) Lakeland Holding Ltd – Q4 Shareholder Update

Resolution #2017-021.11

Recommendation

That the correspondence from Lakeland Holding Ltd re: 2016 Q4 Shareholder Update, be received.

(E.6) Near North District School Board

Resolution #2017-021.12

Recommendation

That the correspondence from the Near North District School Board, received on January 10, 2017, re: Accommodation Review: North Bay Planning Area Meeting, be received.

(E.7) Stewardship Ontario – Industry Blue Box Funding

Resolution #2017-021.13

Recommendation

That the correspondence from Stewardship Ontario, dated December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 re: Industry funding for Municipal Blue Box Recycling for the third quarter of the 2016 Program year, be received.

*[A copy of the report can be obtained from Clerk Services.]*

(E.8) Regional Electricity Planning in Ontario – Parry Sound/Muskoka Electricity Plan

Resolution #2017-021.14

Recommendation

That the correspondence from the Regional Electricity Planning in Ontario, dated December 20, 2016, re: the 20-year Electricity Plan for the Parry Sound/Muskoka Area, be received.

(E.9) Strong Agricultural Society – 2017 Fall Fair

Resolution #2017-021.15

Recommendation

That the correspondence from the Strong Agricultural Society, dated January 12, 2017, re: support for the 2017 Fall Fair on September 15, 16 and 17, 2017 be received.

**Resolutions of Support**

- (E.10) Greater Napanee – Support for Moratorium on the Accommodation Review Process

*[Item 6.(E.10) was referred into Committee of the Whole]*

- (E.11) The Town of Fort Frances

Resolution #2017-021.16

Recommendation

Whereas it has been identified that Railway Companies in the province of Ontario, do not pay a proportionate share of municipal property tax as compared to other properties in their class, or compared to any other municipal tax class; and

Whereas in other provinces and jurisdictions the railway properties are calculated using a ton-mile concept; and

Whereas said fees are reviewed and adjusted on a regular basis according to inflation and ongoing current conditions; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario has continued to fall further and further behind in their approach to railroad property taxation over the past 112 plus years;

Therefore be it resolved that the Village of Sundridge support the resolution by the Town of Fort Frances and call upon the Minister of Finance for the Province of Ontario to implement a new system of municipal property taxation for railroad right-of-way properties based on utilizing a per ton-mile concept; and

Further be it resolved that the new tax system when implemented, be reviewed on a regular basis, similar to the MPAC four-year assessment cycle.

**F) CONSIDERATION OF A CLOSED SESSION**

- (F.1) Resolution to hold a closed meeting.

*[Item 6.(F.1) was referred into Committee of the Whole].*

*[This concludes the list of Consent Items on the Agenda for January 25, 2017]*

## 7) APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

### Resolution #2017-021

**Moved By: Ryan Jeffers**  
**Seconded By: Russell Becker**

That Items listed as Consent Items for January 25, 2017 and the recommendations contained therein be adopted as Resolutions of Council, except that Items 6.(E.10) and 6.(F.1) be referred to Committee of the Whole; and

That any Items for which pecuniary interest has been declared are deemed not to have been voted on or discussed by the individual making the declaration.

**Carried.**

## 8) MOVE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

### Resolution #2017-022

**Moved By: Ryan Jeffers**  
**Seconded By: Don Richardson**

That Council resolve into Committee of the Whole.

**Carried.**

## 9) COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

(9.1) By-law No. 2017-001 – Authorize Temporary Borrowing

*[This Item was deferred from January 11, 2017 pending confirmation of the borrowing rate.]*

### Resolution #2017-023

**Moved By: Don Richardson**  
**Seconded By: Ryan Jeffers**

That By-Law No. 2017-001, being a by-law to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet the current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017, be approved.

**Carried.**

(9.2) Signage – Sunflower Festival Sign Design Details

*[Refer to Item 9.2, December 21, 2016]*

Original Recommendation

That the design details for the Sunflower Festival sign, as received from Patricia Hicks on January 15, 2017, be received; and

That Council authorizes the installation of the sign at the bottom of the Notice Board located in front of the Canada Post Office at 100 A Main Street, Sundridge.

**Resolution #2017-024**

**Moved By: Russell Becker**  
**Seconded By: Ryan Jeffers**

That Council authorizes the installation of the sign at the bottom of the Notice Board located in front of the Canada Post Office at 100 A Main Street, Sundridge, subject to design standards.

**Carried.**

(9.3) Aecom Canada Ltd., - Hutchinson Environmental Invoice

**Resolution #2017-025**

**Moved By: Don Richardson**  
**Seconded By: Russell Becker**

That correspondence from Aecom Canada Ltd., dated January 15, 2017 re: Invoice J150051-09 from Hutchinson Environmental Services Ltd., in the amount of \$5,747.40 + HST, be received; and

That payment be made from the 2016 budget, with any excess to be issued from sewer reserves.

**Carried.**

**Deputy Mayor Jeffers will assume the Chair**

(9.4) Weather-related Emergency Protocols – Village of Sundridge

*[This item was introduced by Lyle Hall at the regular meeting of Council on January 11, 2017]*

**Resolution #2017-026**

**Moved By: Lyle Hall**  
**Seconded By: Russell Becker**

That the Village of Sundridge investigate options for assisting residents in the first 72-hours of an extreme weather event during the time when standard emergency protocols have not yet taken effect and report back to Council.

**Carried.**

## **Mayor Hall will resume the Chair**

### (9.5) Shared Service Review

*[This item was introduced by Russell Becker at the regular meeting of Council on January 11, 2017]*

#### **Resolution #2017-027**

**Moved By: Russell Becker**  
**Seconded By: Don Richardson**

That Council directs staff to review administrative support requirements for shared service committees and report back to Council.

**Carried.**

### (9.6) Bi-Council and Tri-Council Meetings

*[This item was introduced by Ryan Jeffers at the regular meeting of Council on January 11, 2017]*

#### **Resolution #2017-028**

**Moved By: Ryan Jeffers**  
**Seconded By: Russell Becker**

That Council directs staff to review the purpose and scope of authority of Tri-Council and Bi-Council meetings and report back to Council.

**Carried.**

## 6. (E.10) Greater Napanee – Support for Moratorium on the Accommodation Review Process

*[Item 6.(E.10) was moved into Committee of the Whole from the Consent List]*

**Moved By: Don Richardson**  
**Seconded By: Russell Becker**

Whereas the current Accommodation Review Process is not reflective of the reality of rural school and community life; and

Whereas school closures impact single-school small rural communities in all education, social and economic aspects to a far greater degree than those impacts in multi-school urban communities;

Be it resolved that the Village of Sundridge supports the Town of Greater Napanee in their request to the Minister of Education to initiate an immediate moratorium on the



Accommodation Review Process until such time as a review of the above-mentioned impacts on small rural communities can be studied, completed and the results and recommendations be considered.

**Motion to Table**

**Resolution #2017-029**

**Moved By: Don Richardson**  
**Seconded By: Russell Becker**

That Item 6.(E.10) be tabled.  
**Carried.**

6. (F.1) Resolution to hold a closed meeting.

*[Item 6.(F.1) was moved into Committee of the Whole from the Consent List.]*

**Resolution #2017-030**

**Moved By: Ryan Jeffers**  
**Seconded By: Russell Becker**

That Council hold a Closed Session meeting as provided for by the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, and the Village of Sundridge's Procedural By-law No. 2014-061, immediately following this Council meeting to deal with:

- a) Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board:
  - Ongoing Employee matter
- b) Labour relations or employee negotiations:
  - Treasury Position
  - Joint Building Committee Wage

**Carried.**

**10) RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT**

**Resolution #2017-031**

**Moved By: Don Richardson**  
**Seconded By: Russell Becker**

That Committee of the Whole rise and return to the Council session to receive the Committee of the Whole Report.

**Carried.**

## 11) COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

### Resolution #2017-032

**Moved By:** Ryan Jeffers  
**Seconded By:** Russell Becker

That Council adopts the Committee of the Whole recommendations on January 25, 2017 as resolutions of Council.

**Carried.**

## 12) COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Lyle Hall

- Don Richardson is asked to investigate through the Joint Building Committee, where fine revenues go – JBC report does not reference;
- Accommodation Review meeting on February 1<sup>st</sup> – is anyone available to attend? Ryan can attend the May 8<sup>th</sup> public meeting, which he feels may be more valuable;
- We are members of AHCC but do we attend the meetings? Consensus is that we're kept sufficiently updated but are voting rights in jeopardy? Jason Newman will be asked if he wishes to represent us;
- Public comments have been received about painting the interior door at the Village Office.

### Russell Becker

- Tri meetings are proceeding with the expectation that volunteers will rally closer to the event. Committee members are being sought;
- Local kindergarten student is dealing with serious illness and Russell wondered about a fundraising event. He will provide details at the February meeting.

### Ryan Jeffers

- Nothing at this time.

### Jason Newman

- Nothing at this time.

### Don Richardson

- Nothing at this time.

## 13) INTRODUCTION OF FUTURE MOTIONS

Deputy Mayor Ryan Jeffers will introduce a motion at the February 8, 2017 meeting regarding the Accommodation Review Process for small rural schools.

[Ref. Item 6.E.10, January 25, 2017].

**14) CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

**Resolution #2017-033**

**Moved By: Jason Newman**

**Seconded By: Russell Becker**

That By-law No. 2017-004, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Village of Sundridge at its meeting of January 25, 2017, be adopted.  
**Carried.**

**15) ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution #2017-034**

**Moved By: Don Richardson**

**Seconded By: Ryan Jeffers**

That we do now adjourn at 6:56 p.m. until the Council meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2017, or at the call of the Mayor.  
**Carried.**

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Lyle Hall, Mayor

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Karen Fraser, Clerk Administrator